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NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

ACT 1015/018 #2
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The Manti-La Sal National Forest and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Price Field Office have prepared the enclosed environmental assessment (EA) for a proposal by Energy West Mining Company, Deer Creek Mine to amend their mining and reclamation plan for the North Rilda Canyon vicinity. The area of the proposal lies on National Forest System lands administered by the Manti-La Sal National Forest, Ferron-Price Ranger District, Emery County, Utah in Township 16 South, Range 7 East, Sections 20, 21, 28, and 29, Salt Lake Meridian.

The preferred alternative for implementation is Alternative 2 (Proposed Action). Alternative 2 is detailed in the EA on page II-1. Alternative 2 would permit Deer Creek Mine to conduct full extraction, longwall mining beneath the Castlegate Escarpment on the north slope of Rilda Canyon, which would lead to surface subsidence and probable rockfalls.

To implement Alternative 2: the Forest Service would consent to, and the BLM would approve, a change to the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan, and the Forest Service would consent to, and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining would approve the amendment to Deer Creek Mine's mining and reclamation plan.

Per the requirements of 36 CFR 215, comments are invited on the preferred alternative until 4:30 p.m. on August 19, 1999. Comments¹ should be sent to the Supervisor's Office address on the letterhead. All received comments¹ will be considered in making a decision.

Contact Jeff DeFreest or Aaron Howe at this office for additional information (435-637-2817).

Sincerely,

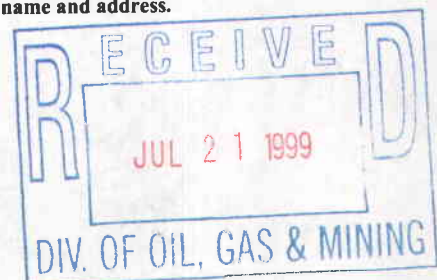
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Acting Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

¹ Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit such comments will not have standing under 36 CFR 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request that a submission be withheld from the public record by showing how the Freedom Of Information Act permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that such confidentiality is granted in only very limited circumstances. The Forest will inform the requester of its decision regarding a request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the Forest will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address.

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